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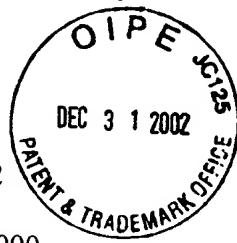
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In re Application of:

T. Myers et al.

Serial No.: 09/660,242

Filed: 12 September 2000

For: Non-Genetic Based Protein Disease
Marker

Examiner: Zhou, Shubo

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENTAssistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

This Amendment is responsive to the Restriction Requirement mailed (to the improper address) 8 November 2002. Attached hereto and herein incorporated by reference is a Petition for Extension of Time for a one-month extension making the due date for response 8 January 2003.

Kindly amend the application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Kindly cancel without prejudice claims 1 – 26, 29 – 38 and 45 – 55.

Kindly add the following new claims 56 – 65.

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